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ROOSEVELT AWAITS JAPAN'S RESPONSE

Doubt Is Expressed If Russian Note Suits Japanese.

NEGOTIATIONS MAY TERMINATE

Japanese Will Demand that a Sincere Effort to Reach a Permanent Peace Agreement Be Made—Other News Regarding Far Eastern Situation.

Washington, June 15.—Russian formal response to President Roosevelt's appeal to the Far Eastern belligerents for a cessation of hostilities has been communicated to the Tokio government by the President. The note written by Count Lamsdorff, by direction of Emperor Nicholas, and handed by the minister of foreign affairs to Ambassador Meyer at St. Petersburg, was placed, in turn, in the hands of Minister Takahira by the president and transmitted by M. Takahira to Tokio. The president is in hourly expectation that a response may be received from the Japanese government.

Doubt is expressed in important quarters whether the Russian response is satisfactory to Japan. The government of the island empire is wary of its big European antagonist and has indicated its intention of not sacrificing its dearly bought victories at arms in the conflict of diplomacy, which now is being waged. Minister Takahira is inclined to look askance at that part of the Russian note which reads: "As for an eventual meeting, how far it would be possible for the two powers to elaborate conditions of peace, the imperial government would have no objection in principle to such an attempt if the Japanese government expressed a desire therefor."

Japan has indicated plainly that if there is a conference between its plenipotentiaries and those of Russia, it must be held with a definite understanding that a sincere effort to reach a permanent peace agreement is to be made.

Newspapers Discuss Situation.

St. Petersburg, June 15.—With the publication of the government's position on the peace negotiations the newspapers are filled with a discussion of the situation. The Russ, which most nearly reflects the views of the foreign office, points out clearly that in consenting to President Roosevelt's appeal for a conference of plenipotentiaries of the two powers, Russia in nowise engaged herself to conclude peace except on the condition that the Japanese terms when ascertained prove an acceptable basis. If they are not entertainable, Russia will withdraw.

The Novoe Vremya declares that inasmuch as Japan ruptured diplomatic negotiations before the war it is proper that she should now define the objects for which she drew the sword. The success Japan obtained in passing anything she could have anticipated in war. She is now mistress of the seas and will remain so for many years, but if her appetite has increased inordinately she should remember that Russia's means are not exhausted.

Consider Peace Very Remote.

Peking, June 15.—In German and other circles here the prospects of peace between Japan and Russia are considered remote. It is supposed that Japan intends to inflict a final and crushing blow upon the Russian army in Manchuria before considering any action for peace.

Hope Opposed to Paris.

June 14.—3 p. m.—The report of the Japanese minister at Washington, Takahira, telling of his interview with President Roosevelt and the proposal that the peace negotiations be held in Paris, has been received. The Russian ambassador at Tokyo, and the appointment of the Russian ambassador to St. Petersburg, and the chief plenipotentiaries of Russia, today, Japan will

refused to have the meeting take place in Paris because it is the capital of Russia's ally and also on account of the great distance from Japan and the delay involved.

It is expected that Japan will propose that the plenipotentiaries meet at some point close to the theater of war.

The Japanese plenipotentiary has not yet been selected.

Will Open Oriental Ports.

New York, June 15.—In a speech before the Business Science club, Japanese consul Urhida, while refraining from any prophecy as to the probable terms of the peace agreement to which this country might be willing to subscribe, said he could guarantee one thing welcome to Americans: "I can say to the American world of commerce," he declared, "without a fear of making a mistake, that when peace is finally achieved the markets of Manchuria and Korea will be open to the world and that our sincere hope in Japan is that America will join hands with us in the development of the two countries."

NEWS FROM THE FAR EAST.

Russian Cruiser Sinks British Vessel.

Singapore, Straits Settlements, June 15.—The few details obtainable regarding the sinking of the British steamer St. Kilda by the Russian auxiliary cruiser Dnieper show that the St. Kilda was captured by the Dnieper on June 4, about 50 miles from Hong Kong at which ports he was last reported.

She was sunk by a cruiser on the following day on the ground that she had contraband of war on board, after the crew and mails had been removed. The cargo of the St. Kilda consisted chiefly of jute, rice and cotton.

The Dnieper transferred to the Dutch steamer Flora in the straits of Malacca, 41 of the Chinese crew of the St. Kilda and the mails belonging to that steamer, but the captain, ten Europeans and the Chinese stevedores who had charge of the Chinese portion of the crew of the St. Kilda, were detained on board the Dnieper.

News from Battlefield.

Gunshu Pass, Manchuria, June 15.—The Japanese have forced the advance posts of the Russian left beyond the Kachou river and are occupying the heights north of the river. A heavy force seems to be behind this movement. Field Marshal Oyama is ready for a general offensive. The two leaders of Chinese bandits captured at Omoso in the rear of the Russian left have arrived here.

Hospital Ship Released.

Nagasaki, June 14.—Noon.—The Russian hospital ship Kostroma, which was captured during the battle of the sea of Japan, was released today and she sailed for Shanghai. The hospital ship Orei which was captured at the same time, will be taken before the naval prize court at Sasebo for trial.

Nothing Daunted This Swain.

Ottumwa, Iowa, June 15.—The railroad tied up by washouts, Elmer C. Coombs drover, swam, walked and jumped a handcar on a railroad track 55 miles from Exline to this city to reach here in time to be married to Miss Myra Moon. Coombs tried to charter a train, but was refused. He drove until the roads became impassable, then walked 10 miles, swimming where the bridges were washed away. With the aid of the handcar for the last part of the trip he reached here and was married at 12:30 in the morning.

May Emigrate to South America.

New York, June 15.—The colonization office has reported, says a Herald dispatch from Montevideo, with reference to the note sent recently by the Uruguayan legation at Washington, announcing that many farmers from Missouri and Colorado have resolved to emigrate to Uruguay and requested information about the local lands. The report says it is necessary to ascertain the probable number of emigrants, their financial condition and other details before the government can give an opinion.

VETERANS GIVEN ROYAL WELCOME

Louisville Receives Them With Outstretched Arms.

CITY IS DRESSED IN GAY ATTIRE

Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, Welcomes Them to State—Many Prominent Confederates Occupy Seats on Platform When Order is Called.

Louisville, June 15.—After a night and morning of arriving trains and streets filled with bands of marching men and with music and flags everywhere, the city of Louisville today welcomed the thousands who have come "to the farthest north" to attend the fifteenth annual convention of the United Confederate association.

The crowd exceeds expectations, and with assurances of glorious weather, the reunion already promises to be a success.

The preparations for the accommodation of the old soldiers have been made on a lavish scale. At several points in the city barracks have been furnished and a few steps away from each is the free restaurant which 24 hours out of the day serves meals to the wearers of the gray.

For the accommodation of the press in the way of working headquarters, a church in the center of the city, capable of seating 2,000 people, has been fitted up with tables, chairs and typewriters. All courts have adjourned for the remainder of the week in order that the court rooms may be used as headquarters for the various state delegations.

The hotels and boarding houses are crowded and arrivals continue.

The business side of the reunion, the annual convention, was scheduled to open in the Horse Show building at noon, and it was only 20 minutes after that hour when Colonel Bennett H. Young, of Louisville, commanding the Kentucky division called the vast assemblage of veterans and their guests to order.

Among those on the stage were Lieutenant General Irvine Walker, commander, army of the Northern Virginia department; Lieutenant General W. O. Bell, of Texas, commanding the Trans-Mississippi department; General Clement A. Evans, army of Tennessee department; Rev. J. William Jones, of Richmond, Va., chaplain general; Governor J. C. W. Beckham, of Kentucky; Mayor Charles F. Grainger, of Louisville; General Julius S. Carr, commanding the Tennessee division; General George P. Harrison, of Opelika, commanding the Alabama division and numerous brigade commanders.

The invocation was by Chaplain General J. William Jones. The chaplain asked that the blessing of Almighty God descend upon the president of these United States; that he might be the president of this whole country and of every section. After Mr. Richards had welcomed the veterans to Louisville, Governor Beckham extended the hospitality of the state.

Sons of Veterans Meet.

Louisville, Ky., June 15.—The United Sons of Confederate Veterans met today in Hopkins theater, the opening session being delayed until nearly 11 o'clock by late arrivals. The attendance was not large. The convention was called to order by Marion W. Ripp, lieutenant commander of the local camp of Sons of Veterans, in the absence of John C. Davidson, the commandant. After the invocation Colonel R. W. Bingham, of Louisville, welcomed the delegates to Louisville and Kentucky. The response was by Hon. T. P. Stone, of Waco, Tex., a past commander in chief. Colonel N. R. Tidale, of Rusk, Tex. then addressed the convention.

After the transaction of some further routine business, the delegates adjourned to the horse show building, where the session is being held.

Dead, He Sat Holding the Reins.

Selinsgrove, Pa., June 15.—While

Albert Arbogast, of Selinsgrove, a prominent dealer in farming implements, was driving near McKee's Half Falls, he was suddenly stricken with apoplexy in his buggy. The horse trotted on at the usual gait and stopped at Rhine's store. When Mr. Rhine came out to wait on his supposed customer, he found a dead man sitting in the buggy, with the lines wrapped about his hands.

KING REPLIES TO STORTHING.

Norwegians Claim, However, that the Union is Forever Dissolved.

Christiania, Norway, June 15.—King Oscar's long letter to the president of the Norwegian storthing, M. Berner, defining his position as cabled to the Associated Press yesterday evening was read in the storthing today.

The document was referred unanimously to a special committee without consent and the storthing adjourned to await the committee's report. There was no demonstration. The Associated Press understands that a short reply will be sent re-affirming the constitutional rights of the storthing.

The government of Norway and the members of the storthing welcomed message seeing in the last paragraph, an indication that the king and the riksdag will probably confirm the dissolution of the union after a re-affirmation of the contention that the union would not be dissolved without the consent of Sweden and King Oscar.

A member of the storthing commenting on the bitter feeling in Sweden said to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"Aristocratic Sweden is always inclined to look down on Democratic Norway. The Swedes resent what they consider our audacity in initiating a solution and dethroning the king. The latter has always been influenced by the atmosphere of the nobility of Sweden and seldom visited Norway. The Swedish upper chamber, too, is inclined to consider the rights of the throne paramount to those of the constitution, which, however, is not the case in Norway."

AGITATING PROPOSED BOYCOTT.

American Minister Assures China of Our Friendly Feeling.

Peking, June 15.—The agitation and proposed boycott of American goods by the Chinese merchants is apparently based upon a misconception by the Chinese of Americans' intention in regard to the Exclusion Act. Both Chinese and Americans are agreed upon this point that exclusion of coolies is the chief matter under consideration and that the act deals with the treatment of other classes. A discussion of the subject will be necessarily prolonged and to arrange a new convention, will take time.

Mr. Rockhill, the American minister has assured the Chinese that America's intentions are friendly and conciliatory and the Chinese board of foreign affairs is apparently satisfied upon the subject. The public are some what alarmed, hence the boycott.

This movement is unlikely to attain any serious proportions, although it is significant, indicating the importance which is attached by the Chinese to questions involved in the American exclusion act. The exclusion of coolies, from the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands is considered a hardship by the Chinese, who also complain of the treatment they experience at the hands of the American custom officials nevertheless there is a desire on the part of the Chinese government for a speedy and amicable adjustment of the questions at issue.

Killed Himself and Five Children.

Tucuman, Neb., June 15.—Mrs. Geo. Campbell, wife of a ranchman living four miles west of here, went suddenly insane today and with a rifle chased her husband from home. Then before he could return with help, she killed her five children and ended her own life by shooting.

Gets Fortune for Changing Name.

Redding, June 15.—Byron Higler, a lad of 15, living in Copper City, has left for Nebraska to take possession of a legacy of \$250,000 left by his adopted father. Young Higler falls heir because he took his adopted father's name.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN SOUTH GEORGIA

Young Man and Sister Assassinated In Their Yard.

SHOTS ARE FIRED FROM AMBUSH

Killing Is the Sequel to a Feud of Long Standing—Perpetrators of Crime Unknown, But Believed To Be Negroes. Little Child Is Wounded.

Valdosta, Ga., June 15.—As a sequel to a feud of long standing, the 17-year-old son and the 16-year-old daughter of W. L. Carter, former Methodist preacher, were assassinated in their yard in Hahira district last night at 9 o'clock.

The dog began to bark in the yard and the young people, with the younger child, went out to see what was the matter. While looking for the cause of disturbance, they were fired upon by someone from behind the smokehouse.

The young lady fell dead in her tracks, the young man, wounded, crawled back into the house and died, while the third child was wounded.

The father was fired upon several weeks ago by J. G. Rawlings, who is also a former minister. He is now under charge of assault with intent to murder.

Only last Saturday Rawlings was placed under a bond of \$1,200 to keep the peace.

He spent last night in this city, so it will be easy for him to prove that he did not do the shooting. Carter also had his throat cut in a court room quarrel several months ago.

The feud between him and some of his neighbors has been bitter for several years.

This morning about 3 o'clock he fired upon someone who was loitering about his house, and he says it was a negro. He believed that the assassins are negroes, but that someone else is the instigator.

CREDIT MEN IN SESSION.

National Association Holding Tenth Annual Convention.

Memphis, Tenn., June 15.—More than 200 delegates were present when the tenth annual convention of the National Association of Credit Men was called to order this morning by President Frederick W. Standart, of Denver, Colo.

The meetings will continue until Friday afternoon when officers will be elected and final adjournment will be taken. Delegates from Los Angeles, Cal., are on the ground and are making a strong bid for the next convention.

The report of the legislative committee which will probably be read on Friday is looked forward to with much interest as it is believed several important resolutions will be offered for adoption.

The delegates were welcomed this morning by Mayor J. J. Williams, for the city and Governor John I. Cox, on behalf of the state.

The welcoming addresses were responded to by J. Harry Truog, of Baltimore, former president of the association.

Noted Arab Chief Dead.

New York, June 15.—A dispatch from Zanzibar announces the death of Tippoo Tib, the noted Arab chief and slave dealer. When traveling through the Dark Continent in 1876, Henry M. Stanley met Tib and described him as a most remarkable character. He later established the chief as governor of the Stanley Falls Station, on the Upper Congo.

Fatal Duel Over Girl.

Engle Pass, Tex., June 15.—A bloody duel occurred at Ppseudon on the Mexican International railway. Two men of the same name, Corrales, but not related, were lovers of the same girl in the village. Finally resolving to settle the matter with pistols, they went into the woods and, after exchanging four shots, both fell dead, each with a ball through his heart.